

JOINT TASK FORCE - FULL ACCOUNTING
BIOGRAPHIC/SITE REPORT AS OF 11 AUGUST 1993

===== BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION =====

REFNO: 0983-1-01 (ACCNO 6314) Status: (K) REMAINS RECOVERED
Name: PORT, WILLIAM DAVID Date Status assigned: 7 Oct 1985

Nationality	AMERICAN	Race	CAUCASIAN	Blood Chit	\$
Service	ARMY	Sex	MALE	Blood type	# #
Grade	E3	Hair	BROWN	Complexion	#
SSAN	DATA	Eyes	BROWN	Weapon	#
Serial No	51916433	Height	67 in /1.70 mtrs	Weapon No	#
Birth date	31 Oct 1941	Weight	139 lb / 63.0 kg	Duty pos	RIFLEMAN
Home State	PENNSYLVANIA	Religion	OTHER	PW Camp	\$

===== SITE INFORMATION =====

	INCIDENT LOCATION (0)	LAST KNOWN LOCATION (1)
Site Type:	RESOLVED SITE	GROUND SITE
UTM:	49PBT018362	49PZC090318
Lat/Long:	154115N / 1081304E	103910N / 1281211E
Country:	SOUTH VIETNAM	
Military Region:	1	
Mission Province:	QUANG NAM-DA NANG	
(formerly):	QUANG NAM	
Mission District:	QUE SON	
Mission Date:	12 Jan 1968	
Mission Category:	3	
Local Analysis:	Near populated area.	Populated area.

===== JTF-FA ACTIVITY SUMMARY =====

Remains Repatriated: YES
Folders Passed: Apr 85, Feb 85
Additional Information Obtained: Aug 90
Vessey Case: NO

===== VEHICLE DATA =====

Vehicle Type: GRND	Serial: \$
Crash Type: None	Engine Type: \$
Call Sign: \$	1 Serial: \$
Year: \$	2 Serial: \$

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=== CIRCUMSTANCES OF LOSS ===

13 August 1975

ON 12 JANUARY 1968 PFC WILLIAM D. PORT, RIFLEMAN, WAS A MEMBER OF A COMBAT PATROL IN SOUTH VIETNAM. HIS PLATOON HAD MADE CONTACT WITH AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE. DURING THE BATTLE PFC PORT DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY THROWING HIMSELF ON AN ENEMY HAND GRENADE THAT HAD BEEN THROWN INTO HIS SQUAD'S POSITION. AFTER THE EXPLOSION, MEMBERS OF THE UNIT SAID THAT PFC PORT WAS BLEEDING BADLY. TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS LATER, BECAUSE OF THE ENEMY SITUATION, THEY HAD TO LEAVE HIM BEHIND. THAT NIGHT CRIES FROM WOUNDED AMERICANS COULD BE HEARD, BUT THE AREA COULD NOT BE REENTERED UNTIL THE NEXT DAY; (WITH A LARGER FORCE). (REF 2)

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7 October 1985

NO RESPONSE WAS EVER FORTHCOMING FROM THE COMMUNISTS TO ANY OF THESE OVERTURES. PFC PORT'S REMAINS WERE RETURNED TO THE U.S. BY THE SRV ON 14 AUGUST 1985. STATUS CHANGE WAS APPROVED BY THE ASGRO BOARD OF REVIEW ON 7 OCTOBER 1985.

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=== NEGOTIATION ACTIONS ===

20 April 1985

A NEGOTIATION FOLDER ON WILLIAM D. PORT WAS PASSED TO THE SRV DURING THE 6-9 FEB 85 AND 17-20 APR 85 JCRC TECHNICAL MEETING IN HANOI.

=== ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS ===

31 July 1975

BURIAL SITE COORDINATES OF ZC 090 318 FOR REFNO 0983-1-01 ENTERED BASED ON IR 6-918-5404-74, USDAO SGN RVN, (MSG DTG 060843Z MAR 74).

=== JOINT INVESTIGATION, SURVEY OR EXCAVATION ===

9 August 1993

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=== ARCHIVAL RESEARCH INFORMATION ===

23 September 1993

SRV DOCUMENT PROVIDED APRIL 93, "ROSTER OF AMERICAN PRISONERS WHO DIED AND FOREIGN CIVILIANS CAPTURED IN THE CENTRAL REGION" POSSIBLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 0983-1-01. LINE ENTRY #3 PROBABLY CORRELATES TO REFNO 0983-1-01, BASED ON REFNO'S NAME. (REF 4)

28 September 1993

SRV DOCUMENT PROVIDED IN APR 93, TITLED "LIST OF AMERICAN PRISONERS THAT DIED IN THE SOUTH AFTER THEIR CAPTURE," CORRELATES TO REFNO 0983-1-01. LINE ENTRY #17 CORRELATES BASED ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S NAME. (REF 5)